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- A regular Jordanian source (C); from an untested informant well qualified to report on this subject (F). Apprecial of Content: 3.
- 1. During June 1954 Jordanian police captured a shipment of gelignite being emussled from Hebron to the Ikhwan al-Muslimin (Muslim Brotherhood) in Cairo. The gelignite was in the possession of 'Ali Rubba'i al-Sharif and Badr Magwadah, both of whom are active professional amugglers and adherents of the ex-Mufti, Eajj Amin al-Russyni. Organizer of this activity was Col. Abu al-Maharim 'Abd-al-Ma'i, formerly of the Egyptian Army. 1
- 2. The Different also obtained an undetermined quantity of the arms used by the Jihad al-Muqaddis (Holy War Fighters)2 during the Palestine war.

ource Communit: 'Abd-w)-Ha'i, whose wife is a daughter of the ex-Mufti, was the Egyptian Military Covernor of the Hebron District during 1948. He was, until his expulsion or escape from Egypt, head of all Didwan members within the Egyptian Arry. In October 1954 he visited Jerusalem but was asked to leave by the Jordanian Government. He is now in Demasous.

Washington Comment. According to an Arab News Agency (ANA) report of 4 January 1955, Lebanese security circles announced that Abd-al-Ma'i is not in Seirut despite certain Egyptian newspaper reports that he is residing in the Lebanese capital. In Beirut several weeks ago under an assumed name, he left when his identity was discovered. The AMA report further stated that security forces along the Lebanese-Syrian border are checking persons arriving in Lebenon from Syria to prevent the infiltration of Muslim Brotherhood members from Demasous to Beirut.

Source Comment. The Jihad al-Muqaddis was headed by Kamal 'Aragat, Jordanian Member of Farlisment, the late 'Abd-al-Qadir al-Eusayni, and Munir Abu-Fundil, now of Intra Bank, Beirut.

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